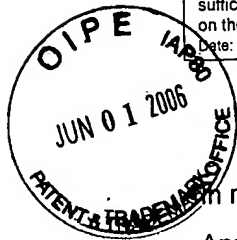


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- ☒ Transmittal Letter, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and cited reference A3.
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication
6,147,674	11-14-2000
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report dated March 24, 2006 for corresponding European Application No. 04 003 500.8. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

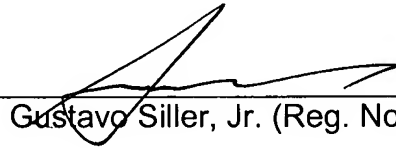
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